

ANACONDA



January 5, 1976

The Honorable Roland E. Johnson
Governor, Pueblo of Laguna
P. O. Box 194
Laguna, NM 87026

Dear Governor Johnson:

Your request of December 29, 1975 for a temporary by-pass, during inclement weather, for the recently relocated section of State Highway 279 has been investigated and considered and, I regret to say, does not appear to be feasible.

The rehabilitation of the old road at the foot of the hill is impractical for the following reasons:

1. Probably of greatest importance is the fact that stripping will in the very near future eliminate the old roadway so any expenditure is difficult if not impossible to justify.
2. The road as it now exists is at best a one way situation and any attempt to widen it would be prohibitively expensive.
3. At least three culverts would be necessary.
4. Rocks from pit blasting are already landing on the roadway, a condition that will rapidly become worse, and would be dangerous to traffic as well as making constant clean up of the roadway necessary.

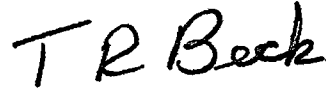
It may be of interest to you that we have been contacted by the State Highway Department in regard to at least partly filling the big ditch and to furnish additional fill for the down-hill side of the big fill. We have agreed to furnish and haul, under the direction of the State Highway Department, the needed material but we have heard nothing further from them and, since

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it is a State highway, we cannot proceed without instructions from them.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T R Beck". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

T. R. Beck
General Manager

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